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**TO: All Members of Council**

**Councillors** : R Bernstein, C Birchmore, C Boles, N Boroda, R Brown, S Butler, R Caserta, P Cropper, C Cummins, L Dean, U Farooq, I Gartside, R Gold, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, T Holt, S Hurst, K Hussain, N Jones, J Lancaster, K Leach, J Lewis, J Mason, L McBriar, G McGill, C Morris, B Mortenson, E O'Brien, K Peel, T Pickstone, T Pilkington, M Powell, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq, J Rydeheard, A Simpson, L Smith, M Smith, G Staples-Jones, T Tariq, C Tegolo, K Thomas, D.Vernon, S Walmsley, C Walsh, M Whitby, S Wright and Y Wright

Dear Member/Colleague

**Council**

You are invited to attend a meeting of Council which will be held as follows:-

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 28 July 2021
<b>Place:</b>	Bury College, Sports Hall, Market Street Bury, BL9 0BG
<b>Time:</b>	6.00 pm
<b>Briefing Facilities:</b>	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
<b>Notes:</b>	

## **AGENDA**

The Agenda for the meeting is attached.

The Agenda and Reports are available on the Council's Intranet for Councillors and Officers and also on the Council's Website at [www.bury.gov.uk](http://www.bury.gov.uk) – click on **Agendas, Minutes and Forward Plan**.

**Yours sincerely**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "GP Little".

**Chief Executive**

## **AGENDA**

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of the Council are requested to declare any interests which they have in any items or issues before the Council for determination.

### **3 MINUTES** (Pages 11 - 14)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### **4 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive communications from the Mayor and any announcements by the Leader of the Council or the Chief Executive on matters of interest to the Council.

### **5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** (Pages 15 - 20)

To answer questions from members of the public, notice of which has been given, on any matter relevant to the Council or its services to the community. Up to 30 minutes will be set aside for this purpose. If time permits, further questions will be invited from members of the public present.

Questions and responses are attached.

### **6 RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES** (Pages 21 - 64)

<b>Committee/ Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Democratic Arrangements Forum – 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Council Streaming Arrangements	Following adoption of the Council Motion in October 2012 in which Members agreed to stream meetings of Full Council, the Group Leaders recommend to Council that streaming of meetings going forward would include in addition to Full Council; meetings of the Council's Cabinet, the Planning Control Committee as well as meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Health Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee.
Standards Committee Interviews	Appointment of Independent Persons	Council agrees to the appointment of the following Independent Persons to the Council's Standards Committee: Craig Ainsworth and Stuart Birtwell

Cabinet July	21 <sup>st</sup>	Clean Air	Agree the recommendations contained within the report (Point 2.1 to 2.20) Please note all appendices are contained within the link in the covering report
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7 **PLACES FOR EVERYONE PLAN** (Pages 65 - 504)

Report attached.

8 **BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW** (Pages 505 - 518)

Report attached.

9 **LEADER' STATEMENT AND CABINET QUESTION TIME** (Pages 519 - 550)

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council on the work of the Cabinet and to answer written questions from Members of the Council to the Leader, Cabinet Members and Chair of a Committee on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the Borough, provided the necessary written notice has been given. (30 Minutes)

A member may ask a verbal question of the Leader, any Member of the Cabinet or Chair of a Committee about any matter on the Council agenda and which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Borough. Only one verbal question per Councillor. (15 minutes)

a **Cabinet question time** (Pages 551 - 568)

Questions and responses are attached.

10 **COMBINED AUTHORITY REPORT AND QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL'S COMBINED AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES** (Pages 569 - 588)

(A) A combined authority update report is attached, for information

(B) Questions (if any) on the work of the Combined Authority to be asked by Members of the Council for which the necessary notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

a **Questions to representatives on the Combined Authority** (Pages 589 - 596)

Questions and responses are attached.

11 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(i) Public Consultation**

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of Bernstein, Brown, Caserta, Cropper, Dean, Gartside, Harris, Lancaster, Hurst, Hussain, N Jones, Lewis, McBriar, Rydeheard, Vernon, Y Wright

Public Consultations are a vital way of getting residents involved and influencing

important local decisions. Consulting ensures better decisions, builds understanding and helps progress towards consensus and should be at a stage when there is still scope to influence policy outcome. Considering stakeholders' views early into the process, stimulates debate and helps ensure all policy options are taken into account.

**This Council Believes:**

- 1) The Labour Council is not fully engaging with residents.
- 2) Recent consultations such as on the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and Housing Strategy were not fully inclusive and the Brandlesholme Low Traffic Neighbourhood scheme non-existent. Any consultation must engage before a decision has been made and consultees must be able to influence the decision outcome of the consultation.
- 3) Conducting important consultations such as the Housing Strategy during the height of pandemic is not acceptable as these consultations relied solely on digital communications and Social Media shutting out the digitally inactive residents in our 6 Towns.
- 4) Current consultation relies predominantly on people looking for information and visiting Council and social media platforms. A more proactive approach, i.e. direct mail shot would encourage greater involvement.

**This Council believes it is important to consult people, not just on general priorities but on specific proposals and resolves to:**

- 1) Listen to and engage with all residents and not the selected few.
- 2) Ensure groups that need to be included in consultations are included with the

option to either send a consultation response back digitally or via a paper-based copy free of charge.

3) Having engaged with them, be clear about why we have taken a decision and communicate it.

4) Update and implement Bury's Consultation strategy

**(ii) Delivering Increased Solar Power**

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of Powell, Tegolo and S Wright.

Bury Council commits to implementing a programme of initiatives aimed at increasing its number of solar (photo-voltaic) installations and making it easier for residents and business owners to install them.

**Council notes and recognises:**

- The significant environmental and economic benefits of solar panel installation
- That solar power can be utilised to help the borough achieve its stated commitment to be a Carbon Neutral authority
- That the North West as a region is lagging behind on solar panel numbers and is below the national average for installations
- That a number of local authorities have been successful in driving up the number of solar powered homes through initiatives aimed at providing bespoke installation services at no immediate cost to residents

**Council is therefore committed to:**

- Increasing the amount of solar generated power in the Borough, as part of a broader shift to being a carbon neutral borough
- Investigate schemes, including those delivered by other local authorities, to help residents and local businesses assess the suitability of their homes for solar panels
- Investigate schemes to make investment in solar more affordable, including facilitating low-cost borrowing schemes
- Use its various media platforms to promote any subsequent initiatives to Bury residents
- Conduct an assessment of Council buildings to see if solar panel installations would be viable on these properties

Council resolves to bring a report to Cabinet on the above before the end of 2021, so that any recommendations can be reflected in the 2022-23 Council Budget.

### **(iii) Local involvement in planning decisions**

A motion had been received and set out in the Summons in the names of:

Councillors C Boles, N Boroda, S Butler, C Cummins, U Farooq, R Gold, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, M Hayes, T Holt, K Leach, G McGill, C Morris, B Mortenson, E O'Brien, K Peel, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq, A Simpson, L Smith, T Tariq, K Thomas, S Walmsley, C Walsh and M Whitby.

#### **This council notes that:**

The Government has published highly controversial proposals to reform the planning system. One aspect that has raised particular concern is the proposal to remove local residents' right to object to individual planning applications in their own neighbourhood if the area is zoned for growth or renewal.

Although there is no legal right for members of the public to speak at meetings of Bury council's Planning Control Committee, Bury council does allow members of the public to do so and voice their concerns around particular, individual proposed developments within our authority.

The right to object to or support individual planning applications in the local decision making process, is one which residents of Bury cherish and invoke on regular occasions. As such it is a right that should be protected in any future planning reforms.

#### **This council recognises that:**

Planning works best when developers and the local community work together to shape local areas and deliver necessary new homes and developments.

#### **This council resolves to:**

Call on the Government to protect the right of communities to object to individual planning applications.

Call on the Government to protect residents' rights to retain a voice over planning applications, recognizing that the best way to get necessary new homes built is to support communities, councils and developers to work in partnership.

Write to the Government to support these commitments being included in future legislation.

a **Urgent Emergency Motion**

Following consultation with the Mayor and the Council's Monitoring Officer they have agreed that the following Emergency Motion will be considered:

Motion received in the names of:

Councillors C Boles, N Boroda, S Butler, C Cummins, U Farooq, R Gold, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, M Hayes, T Holt, K Leach, G McGill, C Morris, B Mortenson, E O'Brien, K Peel, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq, A Simpson, L Smith, T Tariq, K Thomas, S Walmsley, C Walsh and M Whitby.

"The Council is asked to note that women in public life - and especially women of colour - are routinely the targets of unacceptable behaviour and abuse, which is often aimed at silencing women's voices. The violence is never acceptable, and that those who serve the public should not have to carry out their work while being intimidated by thugs.

The Council is therefore asked to resolve:-

i) To condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the recent arson attack on the Leader of Oldham Council, Councillor Arooj Shah.

ii) To continue to work alongside the police and criminal justice system, in our own Borough, to protect victims and prevent violence and harassment.

iii) To instruct the Chief Executive to fully implement Bury Council's recent equality review



12 **MOTION TRACKER** (Pages 597 - 602)

A report setting out progress in respect of Motions passed at the last meeting of Council is attached for information.

13 **SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS AND SPECIFIC ITEMS "CALLED IN" BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

14 **QUESTIONS ON THE WORK OF OUTSIDE BODIES OR PARTNERSHIPS**

Questions on the work of Outside Bodies or partnerships on which the Council is represented to be asked by Members of the Council (if any).

15 **DELEGATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Questions on the delegated decisions made by the Regulatory Committees and Scrutiny Committees contained in the Digest of Decision